



★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★
VETERANS DAY
— UNITED STATES OF AMERICA —

Opening Statement...

Don't forget to
Mention...

Special Recognition

Stevon Powell's Son
Marquis Powell

A
Graduate of AAI
Class of 2016



Acknowledgements

Thanks to:

Tony Spaulding

(Talk about relationship and how you know Tony)

Recognize the following:

Arizona Automotive Institute

- The AAI Director
- Faculty
- Students
- Graduating Class who will be graduating December 9th at the Glendale Civic Center in Downtown Glendale.

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Acknowledgements continued...

Special Guest

Larry Jones (Flicks Photography)

My Wife (Eula Ann Smith)

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to today's ceremony and thank you for attending. I'm honored to be speaking with you today on such an important occasion.

-- We're here today to honor our service members and to remember the sacrifices they have made and the courage it takes to defend honor, duty, country.

-- We're here today to honor our heroes, to remember their achievements, their courage and their dedication, and to say thank you for their sacrifices. Thinking of the heroes who join us in this group today and those who are here only in spirit, a person can't help but feel awed by the enormity of what we encounter. We stand in the midst of patriots and the family and friends of those who have nobly served.

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At this time...I'd like to ask any current service members and veterans who are here today to stand.

PAUSE

Thank you for answering the call to duty. You have made our armed forces the most respected in the world.

[LEAD APPLAUSE]

Please be seated.

Now I'd also like to ask the family member of any service member to stand. We know you have lived through difficult times and have often taken the heavy load to keep the home fires burning. Thank you for what you've done.

[LEAD APPLAUSE]

Please be seated.

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The service members we honor today come from all walks of life, but they share many fundamental qualities.

Such As...

Courage

Pride

Determination

Selflessness

Dedication to duty, honor and integrity

And these are, mind you...all the qualities needed to serve a cause larger than one's self.

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We have awarded medals to many Soldiers, added their names to monuments and named buildings for them, to honor them for their bravery. But nothing can ever replace the hole left behind by a fallen service member, and no number of medals and ribbons can comfort the ones left behind.

Your presence here today and that of the people gathering all across America this November 11th is a tribute to those lost troops and to their Families.

It is a way to say...**We remember.**

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In Closing...

I'd like everyone to stand and take a look at the person next to, behind and in front of you...

Remember, you are all part of something that is bigger than you!

Larger than life itself!

It's one thing to be proud to be an American. It's something totally different when answering the call to serve your country. You are part of a higher order for which there is no equal.

So...to the Soldiers who fought at Valley Forge, both World Wars I and II, we salute them.

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To our men and women who served honorably in the hazy jungles of Vietnam, we commend you for your service.

For the young man or woman patrolling the mountains of Afghanistan and throughout the rugged deserts of Middle East...we thank you for your commitment.

As a proud American and retired member of the Armed Services, we take enormous pride in remembering and honoring them all.

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Thank you for attending today.

God bless you and your families.

God bless our troops and God bless America.

